

Zion National Park

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Kolob Fire Information

Summary

The Kolob Fire is burning actively north of Virgin on BLM, NPS, state, and private land. The fire grew by 4,000 acres in the last 24 hours to 17,000 acres. A horse trailer, two out buildings, two pickup truck, and a cabin have been burned. There are no other structural losses at this time. No injuries have been reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Resources Fighting the Fire

Twenty seven engines, three helicopters, three heavy air tankers, five single engine air tankers (SEATS), five water trucks, and 160 firefighters (eight crews) are on the fire. A type II incident command team, working out of the LaVerkin Elementary School is managing operations. Total personnel on the fire are 279. Structure protection for Springdale and Rockville is in place.

Roads

SR9 will remain open. If smoke, fire, or fire operations make it unsafe, it may be closed for short periods. The Kolob Terrace Road is restricted to fire traffic only. All other roads in the park are open. Zion National Park and Springdale are open.

Trails

All trails connected to the Kolob Terrace Road and in the Southwest Desert in the park are closed:

Hop Valley Trail

Connector Trail

Wildcat Canyon Trail

Left Fork (Subway) and Right Fork of North Creek

Dalton Wash Trail

Chinle Trail

Coal Pits Wash

Scoggins Wash

Huber Wash

Closures do not currently affect the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, the shuttle, or the Zion-Mt Carmel Highway and tunnel.

Closures

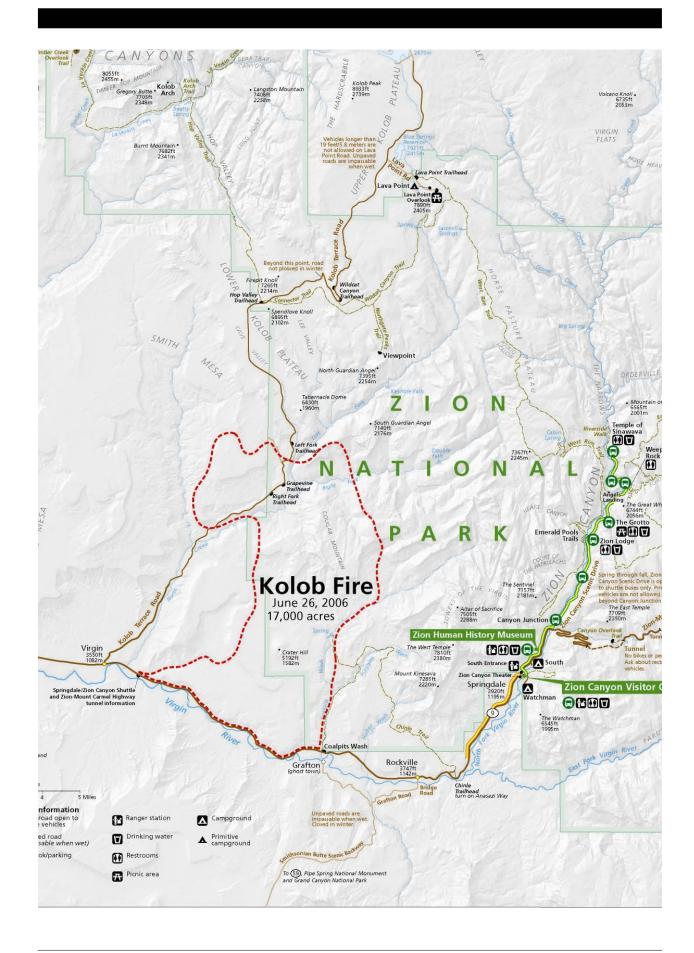
All areas in the fire are closed to all non-fire personnel. This includes park employees, researchers, residents, and visitors.

Today's Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms possible in the afternoon. Maximum temperature: 102 degrees. Minimum humidity: 9-11%. Winds: NE 10 mph shifting to SW early in the afternoon. Lightning activity increasing in the afternoon.

Prognosis

The fire is 10% contained. The fire is most likely to spread in the NE perimeter today. The fire line is well anchored on the south along SR9 between Dalton Wash and Coalpits Wash. Today crews will build and strengthen fire lines on the east, west, and north sides of the fire. There is no estimate for the date of containment.



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